

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:353
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2006
EXPERT GROUP UNDER FORESTRY PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted an Expert/Advisory/Working Group to plan, guide and support implementation of an integrated National Forestry Database Management System (NFDMS) to ensure continuing an effective dissemination and use of forest statistics;

(b) if so, the suggestions given or recommendations made by the said group so far;

(c) whether the Government has prepared blue print for the development of NFDMS; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI A.RAJA)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 353 BY SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL AND SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.8.2006 REGARDING EXPERT GROUP UNDER FORESTRY PROGRAMME

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d) The Government has constituted an Expert/Advisory/Working Group to plan, guide and support implementation of an integrated National Forestry Database Management System (NFDMS) to ensure continuing an effective dissemination and use of forest statistics. The Expert Group has already held its first meeting and has proposed detailed Terms of Reference for Information Need Analysis, Functional Requirement Study, National and Regional Workshops and Capacity Building Programmes for the preparation of Blueprint towards the development of National Forestry Database Management System (NFDMS).